

respect to this portion of the committee amendment. And I want to make it clear to all of you at the beginning that there is no fiscal note associated with any portion of the committee amendment or the bill. All of the money aspects of the bill have been deleted so that there will be no A bill with this bill. The second portion of the six parts of the committee amendment basically encompasses portions of LB 198 which was Senator Wehrbein's bill. He sought to address the question of in which cases and which individuals ought to have a right to seek a limited permit. And oversimplifying somewhat, basically a limited permit is a permit that's available for certain types of hunting and it's available essentially to landowners. It's kind of a trade-off of a reduced price to landowners in return for all they suffer from these different populations that essentially survive on their land. And a large part of this bill was trying to define more carefully some words that were vague and very troublesome for Game and Parks and caused a lot of bad feelings. What was a bona fide farmer who should get this, who should qualify for this limited permit? And basically, we ended up defining it as a landowner who owned 160 acres of land or more; and I think maybe that will be a point that will be discussed when we get to amendments to the committee amendments. You all will have to see how you feel about who is a bona...who is...who are the farmers that should benefit from this reduced price? That is the oversimplified thrust of, fairly stated I think of 198. And, Senator Wehrbein, I would like to afford you the same opportunity to supplement and elaborate upon that introduction, please.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes. This was brought to me by some people in my area and it does...I don't remember exactly, I wasn't listening to Chris very carefully, but it does allow the Game Commission to set some parameters or to really make the decisions on the either sex permit as well as changing slightly the definition of a landowner. I will have a committee amendment filed to put those on alert...an amendment filed to the committee that will lower the 160-acre down to 80. And I will give just a little rationale for what I want to do on that. In my area they really want 40 acres. I understand in the west, Nebraska being somewhat of a large state, as we know, many want 160 as the definition of a bona fide farmer or rancher. For lack of a better way to go, my proposal will be for 80 acres so that it's somewhere in the middle. It doesn't satisfy my area,